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ALUMINIUM FOIL AND PACKAGING MADE FROM THIS

ART STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

A copy of the European Search Report from applicant's corresponding European patent application is enclosed.

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Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,407,702 (Smith et al.). The European Search Report cited Smith et al. as being technological background (category A), cited page 1, lines 27 to 57, page 3, lines 27 to 63, and Figure 1 of

Smith et al. as being relevant, and cited Smith et al. as being relevant to Claims 1 to 4, 8 to 10, 13 and 14 of applicants' corresponding European patent application.

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A list of the above-mentioned references is enclosed.

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